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In re Application of :  
Xue and Van Houdt : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
Application No. 10/680,878 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
Filed: 7 October, 2003 :  
Atty Docket No. 02-1059-A :  
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This is in response to the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on 6 July, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners have shown that the non-signing inventor could not be located. Specifically, petitioners have shown that a letter was sent to the last known address of the non-signing inventor on two occasions copy of the application papers were sent to the last known address of the non-signing inventor on two occasions, but was returned as undeliverable each time. As such, petitioners have shown that despite diligent efforts, the non-signing inventor could not be located.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2800 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-6918.

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